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SUBJ: REFUTATION OF DRAFT PIKE COMMITTEE REPORT

REF: TOSEC 010227

SECRETARY PENCILED-IN FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON REFTEL --
PREFACED BY GENERAL REMARK THAT THE ENTIRE PIECE IS "TOO WEAK,
COWARDLY, AND DEFENSIVE":

1. ALLEGATION RE ARBITRARY AND INCONSISTENT ATTEMPTS
TO PREVENT LEAKS -- BETWEEN FIRST AND SECOND TICKS, ADD NEW
TICK: "--NO INFORMATION WAS EVER DENIED TO ANYONE DEALING WITH
SALT MATTERS."

2. ALLEGATION/FACTS RE SALT INTELLIGENCE BEING PUT ON HOLD
"REPORT WENT TO ENTIRE VERIFICATION PANEL. GENERAL
DISSEMINATION TO THOSE NOT DEALING WITH SALT COMPLIANCE WAS
HELD UP FOR UP TO SIX WEEKS."

3. ALLEGATION RE INFORMING SOVIETS OF SECRETS THE COMMITTEE
SOUGHT: "OF COURSE THE SOVIETS WERE INFORMED, SINCE THIS
WAS THE ONLY WAY WE COULD CALL ALLEGATIONS OF VIOLATIONS TO
THEIR ATTENTION" AND "PRESIDENT NIXON SENT TWO MESSAGES TO
BREZHNEV DURING ONE SUCH PERIOD."

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RM ALLEGATION RE NO WRITTEN REPORTS: "REQUEST SAID THAT IT

SHOULD BE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR, NOT THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE REPORTED."

5. ALLEGATION RE HAK RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONSUMMATION OF AGREEMENTS: "ENTIRE TEXT OF AGREEMENT WAS DRAFTED BY US AND SOVIET TEAMS IN HELSINKI, "NOT BY THE SECRETARY."

6. ALLEGATION RE WITHHOLDING INDICATIONS OF IMPENDING HOSTILITIES IN MIDDLE EAST: "SECRETARY HAD NO CONTACT WITH ANY ARAB LEADERS PRIOR TO OCTOBER WAR."

7. ALLEGATION RE REWARDING MOBUTU - (A) AMEND FIRST "FACT" TO READ: "BUT IT IS A LIE TO SUGGEST THIS WAS SOMEHOW RELATED TO A DESIRE...." (B) AMEND THIRD TICK TO READ: "....CONCERNING THE DIRECTION OF U.S. POLICY AND THE SOVIET POLICY OF INTERVENTION." (C) DELETE ENTIRE TICK BEGINNING "THE US HAS AN OBVIOUS INTEREST...." (D) AMEND SIXTH TICK TO READ: "....INTEREST OF ITS OWN IN A STABLE ANGOLA, AND ZAIRE IS ONE OF THE KEY COUNTRIES OF AFRICA."

8. ALLEGATION RE BRIEFING JOURNALISTS BUT NOT THE SELECT COMMITTEE: "EIGHT COMMITTEES WERE FULLY BRIEFED BEFORE EVERY ADDITIONAL INCREMENT OF AID."

9. ALLEGATION RE HAK IGNORING STATE DEPARTMENT VIEWS: "SECRETARY ASKED THOSE WITHIN STATE DISAGREEING WITH THE POLICY TO WRITE SEPARATE REPORT, AND SUBMITTED IT TO THE PRESIDENT."

10. ALLEGATION RE RETURN OF MAKARIOS: AMEND FINAL FACT TO READ: "....IN THE HEAT OF CONFLICT, WOULD BE EXPLOSIVE." KISSINGER

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